

HARVARD'S PROSPERITY.

An Interesting Letter About an Interesting Town.

Its Remarkable Growth Since the First Settlement—
Fine Improvements.

Rich Soil and Enterprising Agriculturalists About the Village.

Harvard, Neb., was born on or about the year 1872. The South Platte land company, an offshoot of the B. & M. railroad, was its progenitor. The first historical event of importance was the county seat fight, and while Harvard never gained a point in that contest, yet it is said that the expectation of securing it did this town a great deal of good and benefitted it far more than it has Clay Center, the place that finally secured it.

At present this town contains at least a thousand inhabitants, and has tributary to it a circuit of ten miles of surrounding country, of which nearly one-half is under cultivation.

THE SOIL.

Is a black loam, with a clay subsoil. There is no admixture of sand, and the productive surface is from eighteen inches to two and one-half feet deep. Under such favorable circumstances good crops invariably follow decent cultivation and a fair season.

THE CROP.

This year, in spite of the late spring, drouthy summer and scorching winds, is a profitable one to the farmer, for, owing to good prices, the yield in dollars and cents to the acre cultivated will this year exceed that of any since the first farm was opened on this divide.

THE ORIGINAL FARM.

of Clay county was first cultivated in 1873 and the first grain shipment was made in 1874. This year over

A THOUSAND CARS OF WHEAT will be shipped from Harvard. The stock shipments will amount to from fifty to seventy-five cars this year. These are, however, mostly hogs and when the farmers make their cattle and sheep shipments to equal or exceed the porker business this country will save dollars where cents are put away at present. Yet the country is now prosperous.

BUSINESS MEN.

are doing well enough to suit any one who is not hoggish in disposition, and the farmers are making comfortable homes, leaving to the gophers their sod houses and building substantial, and in many cases, ornamental ones; breaking up every year more and more of the virgin prairie. In fact, the tendency to make big farms is a damaging one to the country, as it too often begets poor farming, and that is responsible for fully two-thirds of all unfavorable reports in regard to Nebraska. While the state has thousands of as noble patrons of husbandry as the country can show, yet, it must in truth be said, that "free homes" have brought to us a large percentage of those who are fond of getting everything easy, and taking life easy, and such men, although often excellent, jolly fellows, are unfortunately the men who complain most bitterly of the poor crops they have raised and write to friends in the east to send them out some money or provisions with an account of the country that is not always exactly truthful. In nine cases out of ten the fault lies with the complainant. There are here many fine public spirited citizens and to such Harvard is indebted for the progress she has made.

Mr. C. K. Morrill representing all the B. & M. farming lands, is one of those that fills most ably the position he occupies and never fails to put forth every effort that will tend to the building up of his district. Besides his extensive business in real-estate he has the only apary in Clay county and has made it both profitable and pleasant. Each year the increase has been about 200 per cent.

Mr. Morrill also owns a dry goods store and does an extensive news and subscription business.

THE WEEKLY BEE is under obligations to him for about seventy-five subscribers and THE DAILY BEE must acknowledge his helping hand, for all day yesterday he toiled with me to obtain for the best day in the west a good list of Harvard subscribers. Of course Mr. Morrill wanted a good word for his town and county but I could say nothing less under any circumstances.

IMPROVEMENTS.

An elevator that will compare with any in this country has been erected this season. It is fitted with all the latest improvements and is doing a splendid business.

The patent process has been introduced into the Harvard flouring mill this season.

The Grand Central hotel was completed in time for dedication on or about the Fourth of July.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The public schools of Harvard have the very best of teachers and a large attendance. The principal, Prof. F. Lee Foreman, was at one time an Omaha man.

A metallic coffin that is said to be very fine and costing less than the wooden ones is made here by Mr. W. H. Hammond. The material is zinc and the process of construction is very ingenious, a patent has been applied for.

There is an excellent opening here for a homeopathic physician as there will be none in the place as soon as Mrs. G. W. Howard, M. D., can dispose of her home and office, her husband being how a resident of Pawnee City and hence there is tendency towards a removal on the part of Mrs. Howard.

POLITICALLY.

This country is anti-monopoly as you can guess by the list of BEE's taken here.

pointed to attend the convention at Lincoln. Mr. C. Garey is a understood to be on the track for sheriff, the other candidates I have not heard from. Garey is an old time war-horse for our side, a good man, and will be elected if nominated.

For business review see 5th page.

RANNEY.

A Duel to the Death.

Little Rock (Ala.) Gazette.

J. T. Carpenter, a Choctaw Chief, and Col. Price, a prominent citizen, became involved in a quarrel at Pine Creek Indian Agency. Parties who were present at a "gathering," say that the first they knew of the quarrel, the Chief and Col. Price were standing a short distance from the crowd, when the Chief exclaimed:

"Your blood can alone pay for this."

"My blood is yours when you are man enough to take it," exclaimed the Colonel, stepping back and assuming a threatening attitude.

"Not now," said the Chief, when the crowd rushed to the scene. "A brave man does not shed blood in the face of a mob. Meet me on this spot to-morrow morning."

"At what time?"

"When the sun shines through the top of that tree," pointing to a tall oak, "stand here, and when the sun reaches the top, when the shade falls at your feet, look around and you will see me."

The two men separated, and the spectators wondered why two of the most talented men of the Nation had quarreled, but no one dared investigate, lest he be considered an intruder.

On the following morning a large crowd gathered to witness a contest which every one knew must terminate fatally. The Colonel arrived, stepped upon the exact spot where he had stood the previous day, and looked at the sun. He looked again and then looked down. Again he looked at the sun, and then surveyed the field. The Chief was seen advancing. When within a distance of thirty feet of the Colonel he stopped and drew a revolver. The Colonel drew his pistol and

straightened himself like a man that suddenly experiences a feeling of pride. Not a word was spoken. The two men raised their weapons. They fired almost simultaneously. The Chief reeled. Again they fired. The Colonel fell dead. The crowd rushed forward. The Chief fell to the ground. The Colonel's bullet had entered his breast. Blood flowed from his mouth. The Chief was shot through the heart. The Chief still lives, but without hope of recovery.

A BRITISH MODEL.

How the Streets of London are Cleaned.

Refuse Turned to a Gold Mine in Which the Workers are the Small Boys and Able-bodied Paupers.

The street-cleaning arrangements in the British capital might be worthily imitated by the municipal authorities of our cities. The contracts for cleaning the London streets are sold by the metropolitan board of works for a large sum every year, and in more than one instance generous fortunes have been realized by the contractors. The father of the present Sir William Brassey is said to have made the whole of the enormous fortune which has enabled his son to enter the ranks of the aristocracy out of dust and ashes, and he is, no doubt, the original of the Golden Dustman in Dickens' story, Our Mutual Friend. The right of removing the manure from the streets is leased to a company, and the shareholders are paid a liberal percentage for the money.

THE YOUTHFUL SCAVENGERS.

Visitors to London have probably noticed the square red pillars about four feet high, which line many of the streets, a distance perhaps of 100 yards between each. These are often mistaken for letter-boxes by the casual observers; in fact, letters are frequently dropped in them through inadvertence. In reality, however, they are receptacles for the horse manure gathered by a brigade of small boys who are in the pay of the contractor. They are dressed in neat uniforms of blue, with leathern aprons and broad-brimmed hats, and they dart in and out of the horses' legs like rats and gather up the manure into the short shovels with which each boy is provided. A short hand-broom is likewise a portion of the urchins' equipment and are a great aid in their work. From time to time one of these active youngsters will make a dash for the nearest box and empty his laden shovel in a sliding opening at the top, and presently a cart comes along, which stops a moment or two at each receptacle, and a man walking alongside the vehicle lifts a trap at the base of the manure-box and the shovels the contents into a cart. In wet and muddy weather the scavenger boys do not work, but their place is taken by a large body of men, generally able-bodied paupers hired from the workhouses. Their employment consists, firstly, in sweeping every inch of roadway with brooms and hoes, and, secondly, in piling the filth and mud in little heaps along the gutters. Carts follow in the wake of the sweepers—deep dumpy-like wagons, with two men in attendance, one with a big broom and the other with a wide hollow shovel—and the mud and filth disappear like magic. During the day the latter work is somewhat impeded by the traffic on the principal streets, but at night the gang of sweepers is quadrupled. In fact, mud seldom reposes a second day on the soil of the great city. The contents of the mud-carts are also utilized as fertilizers, and the contractors always make a handsome profit.

It is, however, the dustman who is the most familiar scavenger in London. He is not seen so much in the busy streets in the heart of the city, but in the quiet thoroughfares of private residences, of which so many exist in modern Babylon. At any time of the day the dustman's modest turn-out can be encountered in such neighborhoods; it consists of a substantially-built box-cart, drawn by a strong horse, and hanging down the side is a short ladder and two baskets. The dustman and his pal are large, fat men, looking very much

like brewers' men who have been well rolled in ashes. Their attire consists principally of a huge apron and a hat with a long flap falling down the back, and ever and anon their mouths are open and forth comes the stentorian cry, "Dust-hole-ho-ho-ho!"

THE GOLDEN DUSTMAN'S MODEL.

It is astonishing the effect the dustman's cry has on the surrounding houses. Pert little feminine heads crowned with diminutive lace caps, the badge of servant-maidism, appear at all the windows, and the sturdy dustmen often grow quite bewildered with the multitude of jobs on hand. However, they soon tackle to the work, which is to empty the dust and ashes from a stone-built closet which will generally be found in the front area of every private residence in English towns. In these closets the servants deposit all the refuse of the household and particularly the ashes from the open-grate fires customary in England, and the contractor is bound to see that they are emptied by his men at intervals of a few days. The dustmen do not take long over the job; the ladder is placed by the side of the cart and one man loads while the other empties, carrying the basket on his shoulders. No payment is due to them on the part of the housekeeper, but it is customary to give the men a pint of beer, or the money to purchase that beverage with, so dustmen pass a fair portion of their time in wiping their mouths. In order to draw the attention of dustmen to the houses where dustholes, as they are called, are particularly overloaded, it is usual to place an immense D in the first floor window, and hence the dustman's dirge, which is supposed to have given a hint to the illustrious author of Pinocchio:

We are dustmen old,
We are dusty old,
As you can plainly see,
And we take our sweeps
And our mouths we wipe,
But ver-tu-ous are we;
For we cur-ry our
Like any other child,
But we stop at a big, big D.

When the carts are filled with the ashes and so forth they are driven to a certain locality in the suburbs and there they are emptied, and many hundreds of women and children are employed in sorting out the various ingredients of the mountain of refuse matter. The small pieces of coal are put in one heap, the cinders in another, the rags, paper and bones in another, and so on, and various uses are found for everything, while many a prize in the way of a lost silver spoon, and even articles of jewelry, are from time to time discovered in the heterogeneous mass.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

Nashville has ten cigar manufactories. St. Augustine, Fla., has a new forty-acre cemetery.

Milch cows are dying in Chattanooga of murrain.

Pink Shins is the name of a Hardin county, Ky., girl.

John Stuart of Shelby county, Ala., is 102 years old.

River navigation at Chattanooga remains at a standstill.

One pound mangoes are exhibited at Manatee, Florida.

Three quarts of shrimp for ten cents in St. Augustine, Fla.

Never has Virginia had such a drought as the present one.

A large vein of iron has been found in Roane county, Tenn.

A fishing line factory is one of the industries of New Orleans.

The Methodist conference will meet in Danville, Ky., September 7.

Two large bears were killed in St. John's county, Fla., last week.

The colored fair of North Carolina will be held in Raleigh, October 31.

The Kentucky dog-keepers' convention will meet in Lexington on October 6.

An Illinois man paid Dr. J. B. Alexander of Henderson, Ky., \$170 for a dog.

Gambling at the White Sulphur Springs, Va., is said to be offensively conspicuous.

Ede, the Albemarle, Virginia, race horse, has been sold to a New York man for \$4,600.

The tobacco crop of North Carolina, also in parts of Virginia, is anything but promising.

A 3,000-acre farm near Norfolk, Virginia, has been sold to a New York man for \$60,000.

Vast quantities of grapes have been shipped from Prince William county, Va., this season.

The Barbour county, Ala., farmers will have no corn to buy and will have no cotton to sell.

Buildings are being erected in Nashville as fast as material and workmen can be supplied.

The scarcity of water in Richmond, Va., is in many instances proving the cause of sore throats.

A large fleet of steamships have been chartered to parties in Norfolk to carry cotton to Liverpool.

The largest North Carolina watermelon heard from this season was from Wake county, and weighed 60 pounds.

About 75,000 pounds of grapes have been shipped from Charlottesville, Va., to northern markets this season.

The Louisiana sugar crop is now about 170,000 bushels—not one-fifth the amount consumed in the country.

Most of the plantations owned by the late John Burnside of New Orleans were worth from \$40,000 to \$70,000 each.

The prospect is that the next session of the Washington and Lee university, Va., will be the most successful in its history.

The sale and distribution of Jefferson Davis' "Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government" has been slower in the south than in the north and west.

Gov. Roberts of Texas, is sixty years old, has gray hair, beard and mustache and dark eyebrows. He dresses in a brown suit of black, and smokes a cob pipe.

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PROBATE NOTICE.

State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss: At a County Court, held at the County Court Room, in and for said County, August 15th, A. D. 1881. Present, HOWARD B. SMITH, County Judge.

In the matter of the estate of Ferdinand Thum, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Emilie Thum, praying that the instrument, this day filed and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved, approved, allowed, probated and recorded as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate may be granted to said Emilie Thum, as executrix.

Ordered, That September 10th, A. D. 1881, at 10 o'clock a. m. be assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said County, and show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted; and that notice of the time of said hearing be given to all persons interested in said matter, by publishing a copy of this order in the Omaha Weekly Bee, a newspaper printed in said County, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.

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